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TO: Each Supervisor

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STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, BOARD MOTION, SYNOPSIS 5

On September 30, 2003, your Board instructed Public Works to take the necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon from the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element's list of future landfill sites and to report back every 60 days. This report covers the period from June 1, 2004, through August 2, 2004.

As previously reported, in order for Elsmere Canyon to be removed from the Siting Element, the five-year review of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) and the Countywide Siting Element's amendment process must be sequentially completed. On May 20, 2004, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) provided comments on the draft Five-Year Review Report.

On June 21, 2004, the Task Force considered the revised draft Report and unanimously adopted its findings and recommendations. The Report recommended that, among other things, the Countywide Siting Element be revised to remove Elsmere Canyon landfill and Blind Canyon landfill sites from the list of potential new landfills. On June 23, 2004, the final Five-Year Review Report was submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board). Subsequently, copies were sent to your Board and all jurisdictions within the County of Los Angeles. The Waste Board has 90 days to review the Report and, at a public hearing, approve or disapprove it.

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In anticipation of the Waste Board approving the Five-Year Review Report, Public Works has begun the process of amending the Countywide Siting Element. The process involves numerous statutory and regulatory requirements and is expected to take approximately two years to complete assuming no major complications occur.

We will submit the next status report in October 2004. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director, Environmental Programs Division, at (626) 458-3500.

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